

Year 6 Annual Report

Massachusetts Small MS4 General Permit

Reporting Period: July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024

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Unless otherwise noted, all fields are required to be filled out. If a field is left blank, it will be assumed the requirement or task has not been completed. Please ONLY report on activities between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024 unless otherwise requested.

Part I: Contact Information

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EPA NPDES Permit Number: MAR042010

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Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) Information

SWMP Location (publicly available web address): NA

Date SWMP was Last Updated: May 31, 2022

If the SWMP is not available on the web please provide the physical address:

SWMP is posted on a VA website. VA does not post management documents on external websites.

Part II: Self-Assessment

First, in the box below, select the impairment(s) and/or TMDL(s) that are applicable to your MS4. Make sure you are referring to the most recent EPA approved Section 303(d) Impaired Waters List which can be found here: <https://www.epa.gov/tmdl/region-1-impaired-waters-and-303d-lists-state>

Impairment(s)			
☐ Bacteria/Pathogens	☐ Chloride	☐ Nitrogen	☒ Phosphorus
☒ Solids/ Oil/ Grease (Hydrocarbons)/ Metals			
TMDL(s)			
In State:	☐ Assabet River Phosphorus	☒ Bacteria and Pathogen	☐ Cape Cod Nitrogen
	☐ Charles River Watershed Phosphorus	☐ Lake and Pond Phosphorus	
Out of State:	☐ Bacteria/Pathogens	☐ Metals	☐ Nitrogen
			☐ Phosphorus
Clear Impairments and TMDLs			

Next, check off all requirements below that have been completed. **By checking each box you are certifying that you have completed that permit requirement fully.** If you have not completed a requirement leave the box unchecked. Additional information will be requested in later sections.

Annual Requirements

- ☒ Provided an opportunity for public participation in review and implementation of SWMP and complied with State Public Notice requirements
- ☒ Kept records relating to the permit available for 5 years and made available to the public
- ☒ The SSO inventory has been updated, including the status of mitigation and corrective measures implemented
 - ☐ This is not applicable because we do not have sanitary sewer
 - ☒ This is not applicable because we did not find any new SSOs
 - ☐ The updated SSO inventory is attached to the email submission
 - ☐ The updated SSO inventory can be found at the following publicly available website:

- ☒ Updated system map due in year 10 with information from completed catchment investigations
- ☒ Provided training to employees involved in IDDE program within the reporting period
- ☒ Properly stored and disposed of catch basin cleanings and street sweepings so they did not discharge to receiving waters
- ☒ All curbed roadways were swept at least once within the reporting period
- ☒ Enclosed all road salt storage piles or facilities and implemented winter road maintenance procedures to minimize the use of road salt
- ☒ Implemented SWPPPs for all permittee owned or operated maintenance garages, public works yards, transfer stations, and other waste handling facilities

- ☒ Updated inventory of all permittee owned facilities as necessary
- ☒ O&M programs for all permittee owned facilities have been completed and updated as necessary
- ☒ Implemented all maintenance procedures for permittee owned facilities in accordance with O&M programs
- ☒ Implemented program for MS4 infrastructure maintenance to reduce the discharge of pollutants
- ☒ Inspected all permittee owned treatment structures (excluding catch basins)

Optional: If you would like to describe progress made on any incomplete requirements listed above or provide any additional details, please use the box below:

Bacteria/ Pathogens (Combination of Impaired Waters Requirements and TMDL Requirements as Applicable)

Annual Requirements

*Public Education and Outreach**

- ☒ Annual message was distributed encouraging the proper management of pet waste, including noting any existing ordinances where appropriate
- ☒ Permittee or its agents disseminated educational material to dog owners at the time of issuance or renewal of dog license, or other appropriate time
- ☐ Provided information to owners of septic systems about proper maintenance in any catchment that discharges to a water body impaired for bacteria
- ☒ This is not applicable because there are no septic systems present

** Public education messages can be combined with other public education requirements as applicable (see Appendix H and F for more information)*

Optional: If you would like to describe progress made on any incomplete requirements listed above or provide any additional details, please use the box below:

Third requirement is not applicable. There are no septic systems located on VA Boston's Jamaica Plain property.

Phosphorus (Combination of Impaired Waters Requirements and TMDL Requirements as Applicable)

Annual Requirements

*Public Education and Outreach**

- ☒ Distributed an annual message in the spring (April/May) encouraging the proper use and disposal of grass clippings and encouraging the proper use of slow-release and phosphorus-free fertilizers
- ☒ Distributed an annual message in the summer (June/July) encouraging the proper management of pet waste, including noting any existing ordinances where appropriate
- ☒ Distributed an annual message in the fall (August/September/October) encouraging the proper disposal of leaf litter

** Public education messages can be combined with other public education requirements as applicable (see Appendix H and F for more information)*

Good Housekeeping and Pollution Prevention for Permittee Owned Operations

- ☒ Increased street sweeping frequency of all municipal owned streets and parking lots subject to Permit part 2.3.7.a.iii.(c) to a minimum of two times per year (spring and fall)

Structural BMPs

- ☐ Installed a structural BMP as a demonstration project within the drainage area of the water quality limited water or its tributaries. The type of BMP installed is (e.g. *biofiltration*):

Any structural BMPs already existing or installed in the regulated area by the permittee or its agents

- ☒ was tracked and the phosphorus removal by the BMP was estimated consistent with Attachment 3 to Appendix F. The BMP type, total area treated by the BMP, the design storage volume of the BMP, and the estimated phosphorus removed in mass per year by the BMP were documented.

- ☒ No BMPs were installed
- ☐ The above referenced BMP information is attached to the email submission
- ☐ The above referenced BMP information can be found at the following publicly available website:

Total estimated phosphorus removed in **lbs/year** from the installed BMPs: 0

Optional: If you would like to describe progress made on any incomplete requirements listed above or provide any additional details, please use the box below:

Solids, Oil and Grease (Hydrocarbons), or MetalsAnnual Requirements*Good Housekeeping and Pollution Prevention for Permittee Owned Operations*

- ☒ Increased street sweeping frequency of all municipal owned streets and parking lots to a schedule that targets areas with potential for high pollutant loads

- ☒ The street sweeping schedule is attached to the email submission
- ☐ The street sweeping schedule can be found at the following publicly available website:

- ☒ Prioritized inspection and maintenance for catch basins to ensure that no sump shall be more than 50 percent full; Cleaned catch basins more frequently if inspection and maintenance activities indicated excessive sediment or debris loadings

Optional: If you would like to describe progress made on any incomplete requirements listed above or provide any additional details, please use the box below:

Part III: Receiving Waters/Impaired Waters/TMDL

Have you made any changes to your lists of receiving waters, outfalls, or impairments since the NOI was submitted?

☐ Yes

☒ No

If yes, describe below, including any relevant impairments or TMDLs:

Part IV: Minimum Control Measures

Please fill out all of the metrics below. If applicable, include in the description who completed the task if completed by a third party.

MCM1: Public Education

Number of educational messages completed during this reporting period: 2

Below, report on the educational messages completed during this reporting period. For the measurable goal(s) please describe the method/measures used to assess the overall effectiveness of the educational program.

BMP: Storm Drains & Leaf Litter

Message Description and Distribution Method:

The GEMS Newsletter included information on the importance of keeping storm drains clear of leaf litter and debris and how it can affect the receiving waters.

Targeted Audience: Industrial facilities

Responsible Department/Parties: Engineering

Measurable Goal(s):

Dissemination of educational messaging related to applicable bacteria/pathogen impacts within permit time frames and frequencies. No visible pet waste present on grounds or within MS4 infrastructure.

Message Date(s): May 2024

Message Completed for: Appendix F Requirements ☒ Appendix H Requirements ☐

Was this message different than what was proposed in your NOI? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, describe why the change was made:

BMP: Preventing Salt from Entering Waterways

Message Description and Distribution Method:

The GEMS Quarterly Newsletter included information on using salt and deicer effectively and efficiently to prevent salt from entering waterways.

Targeted Audience: Industrial facilities

Responsible Department/Parties: Engineering

Measurable Goal(s):

Dissemination of educational messaging related to SWMP within permit time frames and frequencies.

Message Date(s): August 2023

Message Completed for: Appendix F Requirements ☒ Appendix H Requirements ☐

Was this message different than what was proposed in your NOI? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, describe why the change was made:

Add an Educational Message

MCM2: Public Participation

Describe the opportunity provided for public involvement in the development of the Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) **during this reporting period:**

SWMP development feedback from various VA personnel involved in activities that relate to MS4 operations conducted Annual Training (Monthly Staff meetings, MS Teams). All were related to construction inspections, Project Management engagement, conversations with leadership, and review of local, state, and federal regulatory initiatives and environmental conditions.

Was this opportunity different than what was proposed in your NOI? Yes ☐ No ☒

Describe any other public involvement or participation opportunities conducted **during this reporting period:**

None.

MCM3: Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE)

Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs)

Check off the box below if the statement is true.

☐ This SSO section is NOT applicable because we DO NOT have sanitary sewer

*Below, report on the number of SSOs identified in the MS4 system and removed **during this reporting period.***

Number of SSOs identified: 0

Number of SSOs removed: 0

MS4 System Mapping

Percent of Phase II map complete: 0

Optional: Provide additional status information regarding your map:

MS4 Mapping was completed in 2019 and updated in 2021. No updates needed for 2023.

Screening of Outfalls/Interconnections

If conducted, please submit any outfall monitoring results from this reporting period. Outfall monitoring results should include the date, outfall/interconnection identifier, location, weather conditions at time of sampling, precipitation in previous 48 hours, field screening parameter results, and results from all analyses. Please also include the updated inventory and ranking of outfalls/interconnections based on monitoring results.

- ☒ No outfalls were inspected
- ☐ The above referenced outfall screening data is attached to the email submission
- ☐ The above referenced outfall screening data can be found at the following publicly available website:

Below, report on the number of outfalls/interconnections screened during this reporting period.

Number of outfalls screened: 0

Below, report on the percent of outfalls/interconnections screened to date.

Percent of outfalls screened: 0

Optional: Provide additional information regarding your outfall/interconnection screening:

Conducted wet weather interconnection screening and sampling procedures within Permit year 3 time frame.

Catchment Investigations

If conducted, please submit all data collected during this reporting period as part of the dry and wet weather investigations. Also include the presence or absence of System Vulnerability Factors for each catchment.

- ☒ No catchment investigations were conducted
- ☐ The catchment investigation data is attached to the email submission
- ☐ The catchment investigation data can be found at the following publicly available website:

Below, report on the number of catchment investigations completed during this reporting period.

Number of catchment investigations completed this reporting period: 0

Below, report on the percent of catchments investigated to date.

Percent of total catchments investigated: 0

Optional: Provide any additional information for clarity regarding the catchment investigations below:

Catchment investigations were completed in 2020.

IDDE Progress

If illicit discharges were found, please submit a document describing work conducted over this reporting period, and cumulative to date, including location source; description of the discharge; method of discovery; date of discovery; and date of elimination, mitigation, or enforcement OR planned corrective measures and schedule of removal.

- ☒ No illicit discharges were found
- ☐ The illicit discharge removal report is attached to the email submission
- ☐ The illicit discharge removal report can be found at the following publicly available website:

Below, report on the number of illicit discharges identified and removed, along with the volume of sewage removed during this reporting period.

Number of illicit discharges identified: 0

Number of illicit discharges removed: 0

Estimated volume of sewage removed: 0 gallons/day

Below, report on the total number of illicit discharges identified and removed to date. At a minimum, report on the number of illicit discharges identified and removed since the effective date of the permit (July 1, 2018).

Total number of illicit discharges identified: 0

Total number of illicit discharges removed: 0

Optional: Provide any additional information for clarity regarding illicit discharges identified, removed, or planned to be removed below:

Employee Training

Describe the frequency and type of employee training conducted during this reporting period:

All new employees receive training during New Employee Orientation. Employees receive general awareness training during department meetings. Storm water training is provided in conjunction with our SPCC training once per year.

MCM4: Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control

*Below, report on the construction site plan reviews, inspections, and enforcement actions completed **during this reporting period.***

Number of site plan reviews completed: 3

Number of inspections completed: 52

Number of enforcement actions taken: 0

Optional: Enter any additional information relevant to construction site plan reviews, inspections, and enforcement actions:

MCM5: Post-Construction Stormwater Management in New Development and Redevelopment

Ordinance or Regulatory Mechanism

Date update was completed (due in year 3): N/A, as per current permit

Website of ordinance or regulatory mechanism:

As-built Drawings

Below, report on the number of as-built drawings received during this reporting period.

Number of as-built drawings received: 0

Optional: Enter any additional information relevant to the submission of as-built drawings:
VA Jamaica Plain is working towards obtaining as-builts for submission via Engineering.

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Street Design and Parking Lots Report

Below, describe any changes made or planned to be made to local regulations and guidelines based on the report completed in Year 4:

No changes made or planned to be made based on year 4 report:

Green Infrastructure Report

Below, describe progress towards making green infrastructure practices allowable based on the report completed in Year 4:

A Landscape Design Review Checklist is being used during Design Development to identify current and new proposed green space which would benefit erosion control, sediment control, pollution control, and storm water run-off control. Projects have implemented a Landscape/Planting Plan.

Retrofit Properties Inventory

Below, list remaining permittee-owned properties that could be modified or retrofitted with BMPs to mitigate impervious areas (must maintain a minimum of 5 sites in inventory until less than 5 sites remain):

1. Future plans to add a rain garden beside the Huntington House between the Parking Garages and Lot #2, an area that currently contains loose rocks for drainage.
2. Request the movement of a compactor hydraulic reservoir to relocate from ground level to the EMS loading dock to prevent it from dropping open lines (to increase access to fasten the hydraulic lines while swapping out containers when the compactor is being replaced).
3. Spill socks added to the storm drain located directly below the dumpster at the Building 1, BB-wing EMS loading dock to help prevent any spills along the roadway from entering the storm drain.
4. Recommend adding absorbent materials (hay bales or socks) to manage condensation drain water from the parking lot below the Compounding Pharmacy Trailer (more to limit slips, trips & falls on ice in the winter) while slowing the drainage to the storm water basin (drain).
5. Purchase, or acquire salt tubs that are water-tight in obvious & accessible pedestrian pathways to limit excess salt application (mess &/ or waste).

Below, list all properties that have been modified or retrofitted with BMPs to mitigate impervious area that were inventoried as part of 2.3.6.d of the permit and the type of BMP(s) implemented. Non-MS4 owned properties that have been modified or retrofitted with BMPs to mitigate impervious area may also be listed, but must be indicated as non-MS4.

MCM6: Good Housekeeping

Catch Basin Cleaning

Below, report on the number of catch basins inspected and cleaned, along with the total volume of material removed from the catch basins during this reporting period.

Number of catch basins inspected: 22

Number of catch basins cleaned: 9

Total volume or mass of material removed from all catch basins: 3 cubic yards

Below, report on the total number of catch basins in the MS4 system.

Total number of catch basins: 53

If applicable:

Report on the actions taken if a catch basin sump is more than 50% full during two consecutive routine inspections/cleaning events:

N/A None observed to be full or partially full.

Street Sweeping

Report on street sweeping completed during this reporting period using one of the three metrics below.

☒ Number of miles cleaned: 0.5

☐ Volume of material removed: [Select Units]

☐ Weight of material removed: [Select Units]

Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)

Below, report on the number of site inspections for facilities that require a SWPPP completed during this reporting period.

Number of site inspections completed: 0

Describe any corrective actions taken at a facility with a SWPPP:

Additional Information

Monitoring or Study Results

Results from any other stormwater or receiving water quality monitoring or studies conducted during the reporting period not otherwise mentioned above, where the data is being used to inform permit compliance or permit effectiveness must be attached.

- ☒ Not applicable
- ☐ The results from additional reports or studies are attached to the email submission
- ☐ The results from additional reports or studies can be found at the following publicly available website(s):

If such monitoring or studies were conducted on your behalf or if monitoring or studies conducted by other entities were reported to you, a brief description of the type of information gathered or received shall be described below:

Additional Information

Enter any additional information relevant to your stormwater management program implementation during the reporting period. Include any BMP modifications made by the MS4 if not already discussed above.

None.

Year 7

Activities Planned for Next Reporting Period

Please confirm that your SWMP has been, or will be, updated to comply with all applicable permit requirements including but not limited to the year 7 requirements summarized below. (Note: impaired waters and TMDL requirements are not listed below)

Yes, I agree ☒

- Complete investigations of catchments associated with Problem Outfalls
- Complete investigations of catchments where any information gathered on the outfall/interconnection identifies sewer input

Annual Requirements

- Annual report submitted and available to the public
- Annual opportunity for public participation in review and implementation of SWMP
- Keep records relating to the permit available for 5 years and make available to the public
- Properly store and dispose of catch basin cleanings and street sweepings so they do not discharge to receiving waters
- Annual training to employees involved in IDDE program
- Update inventory of all known locations where SSOs have discharged to the MS4
- Continue public education and outreach program
- Update outfall and interconnection inventory and priority ranking and include data collected in connection with the dry weather screening and other relevant inspections conducted
- Implement IDDE program
- Review site plans of construction sites as part of the construction stormwater runoff control program
- Conduct site inspection of construction sites as necessary
- Inspect and maintain stormwater treatment structures
- Log catch basins cleaned or inspected
- Sweep all curbed streets at least annually
- Continue investigations of catchments associated with Problem Outfalls
- Implemented SWPPPs for all permittee owned or operated maintenance garages, public works yards, transfer stations, and other waste handling facilities
- Review inventory of all permittee owned facilities in the categories of parks and open space, buildings and facilities, and vehicles and equipment; update if necessary
- Review O&M programs for all permittee owned facilities; update if necessary
- Implement all maintenance procedures for permittee owned facilities in accordance with O&M programs
- Implement program for MS4 infrastructure maintenance to reduce the discharge of pollutants
- Enclose all road salt storage piles or facilities and implemented winter road maintenance procedures to minimize the use of road salt
- Review as-built drawings for new and redevelopment to ensure compliance with post construction bylaws, regulations, or regulatory mechanism consistent with permit requirements
- Inspect all permittee owned treatment structures (excluding catch basins)
- Identify additional permittee-owned properties that could potentially be modified or retrofitted with BMPs to reduce impervious areas so that the permittee maintains a minimum of 5 sites in their inventory, until such a time when the permittee has less than 5 sites remaining

Provide any additional details on activities planned for permit year 7 below:

- Review as-built drawings for new and redevelopment to ensure compliance with post construction bylaws, regulations, or regulatory mechanism consistent with permit requirements
- Inspect all permitted owned treatment structures (excluding catch basins)
- Identify additional permitted-owned properties that could potentially be modified or retrofitted with BMPs to reduce impervious areas.

Part V: Certification of Small MS4 Annual Report 2024

40 CFR 144.32(d) Certification

I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, I certify that the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

Name:

John Hughes

Title:

GEMS Program Manager

Signature:



Date:

09/30/24

[Signatory may be a duly authorized representative]